GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2359
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ELIMINATION OF LEPROSY
Ponnuswamy Shri Mohan

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the WHO`s proclamation accordingly to which Leprosy was completely eliminated Globally way back in 2000 A.D.;

(b) if so, whether India has registered the progress in the elimination of Leprosy;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the future role of Central Leprosy Teaching and Research Institute and three other regional LTRIs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) India has achieved significant progress in the elimination of Leprosy. The Prevalence Rate has decreased from 57.6 per 10,000 population in 1981 to 2.4 per 10,000 population in March, 2004. The elimination level (Prevalence Rate less than 1 per 10,000 population) has been achieved in 17 States and another 7 States are close to achieving it.

(d) The issue is under consideration of the Government.